

AS SENT TO
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DEAR COLLEAGUES

SINCE LAST SEPTEMBER, WE HAVE NOT HAD A RESIDENT SCIENTIFIC STAFF AT ENEWETAK. IN FACT, THE MID-PACIFIC RESEARCH LABORATORY HAS BEEN IN A COMPLETELY INACTIVE STATUS. THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, HOWEVER, HAS KEPT THE FACILITY MAINTAINED AND OPERABLE AND I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE YOU THAT THERE IS AN ACTIVE FIELD STATION WITH THE CAPABILITY OF SUPPORTING A LIMITED FIELD RESEARCH PROGRAM.

WHEN WE ENTERED THE CURRENT STATUS ON OCTOBER 1, 1983, I WAS NOT VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUR CHANCES OF CONTINUING INVESTIGATIONS AT ENEWETAK. ALTHOUGH THE DOE CHOSE TO CONTINUE THE NAME MPRL AND I AGREED TO CONTINUE IN THE VERY LIMITED CAPACITY OF DIRECTOR, I DID NOT ENCOURAGE THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS. NOW I AM ADVISED THAT THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS), WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE DOE, IS PLANNING FOR A QUITE AMBITIOUS EXPEDITION TO ENEWETAK DURING THE SUMMER OF 1984.

THE USGS INVESTIGATIONS WILL UTILIZE THE FIELD STATION OF MID-PACIFIC RESEARCH LABORATORY AND WILL ALSO INVOLVE A DRILLING SHIP, A RESEARCH SUBMARINE, AND OTHER SUPPORT ELEMENTS. CORING OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN TWO OF THE LARGE CRATERS IN THE LAGOON ON THE NORTH PORTION OF ENEWETAK ATOLL, AND THE METER DEEP WELL ON MEDREN WILL BE UNCAPPED FOR ^{GRAV}GRAVIMETRIC LOGGING AND OTHER EXAMINATIONS. ^(1300?)

ALTHOUGH DURING THE PEAK PERIOD OF USGS OPERATIONS (_____ TO _____), SUPPORT FACILITIES AT ENEWETAK WILL LIKELY BE STRAINED, THE DOE ADVISES THAT BOTH NOW, BEFORE THE USGS PROGRAM, AND AFTER ITS COMPLETION, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT A LIMITED NUMBER OF OTHER INVESTIGATIONS. ^{TORS} THE FIELD STATION HAS LIVING ACCOMODATIONS, AIR CONDITIONED LABORATORY SPACE AND SOME SMALL BOAT SUPPORT (H.U.B. INSERT HERE A SENTENCE OR TWO RE LAB EQPT AT KANEOHE, LOGISTIC PLANNING ASSISTANCE, ETC.) NO DIRECT DOE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

THE DOE AND THE MPRL INVITE INQUIRIES AND SUMMARY PROPOSALS FROM ^{RESEARCHERS}RESEARCHERS INTERESTED IN PURSUING INDEPENDENT OR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH DURING THE REMAINDER OF 1984 AT ENEWETAK.

INQUIRIES AND SUMMARY PROPOSALS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO: PHILIP HELFRICH, DIRECTOR, MID PACIFIC RESEARCH LAB, P.O. BOX 1346, KANEOHE, HI 96744, PHONE 808-247-6631.

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